

Fire Chief

## CITY OF CONCORD

New Hampshire's Main Street™ Fire Department

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## Fire Cause Determined for April Fire at 29 Bog Road

**CONCORD, NH (May 24, 2021)** – Concord Fire Marshal Paul Sirois announced today that the April 26<sup>th</sup> fire at 29 Bog Rd was accidental. After an extensive investigation, it was determined that the source of ignition was an improperly disposed cigarette. The initial fuel source was a significant quantity of cigarette butts stored in a plastic container on the balcony of one of the apartments. The dry and windy conditions around the time of the fire contributed to the rapid growth and spread of the fire.

Fire Marshal Sirois emphasized the need to fully extinguish and properly dispose of smoking materials in a non-combustible receptacle that is emptied regularly. This is especially important when we are experiencing dry and drought conditions.

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If you require further information about this incident, please contact Chief Sean Brown at 603-230-3801, or sbrown@concordnh.gov.